

AB 1561
State Boards and Commissions: Member Removal:
Failure to Attend Meetings
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Bill Summary

AB 1561 specifies that with respect to State boards and commissions not governed by the California Constitution, if an appointed member fails to attend three out of four consecutive meetings, the appointing authority is authorized to remove that member from the board or commission.

Background and Analysis

Existing law establishes various boards and commissions, and sets forth specified events causing vacancy of an office before expiration of the term. This legislation would allow appointing authorities for these various boards and commissions to remove members from office if they fail to attend three out of four consecutive board or commission meetings (with exceptions for sickness or being absent on State, board, or commission business).

This legislation basically serves to ensure that all appointed members of State boards and commissions are diligent in their responsibilities to those entities, and to ensure that appointing authorities feel they are aptly represented on those boards and commissions by their appointees.

Status as of May 10, 2006:

Senate Committee on Rules

Staff Comment:

Staff has noted that it may be appropriate that language be included in the legislation allowing for the appointment of alternates.